Avadi Congress Session.

* 2868 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar is not in his seat. The question together with the answer will be printed and will form part of the proceedings.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the amount spent by Government in connexion with the Avadi Session of Congress—

(*a*) on account of Police bandobust ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have collected the sum from the Congress Party?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Rs. 4,20,000 approximately.

(*b*) No contribution was paid to the Government by the Indian National Congress on this account.

Purchase of Charkas.

* 2869 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any amount has been allotted for the purchase of " Ambikacharka "; and

(*b*) if so, the amount allotted?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) There is no charka by name ' Ambikacharka '. Probably the Member refers to ' Amber Charka ' which has not so far been introduced in the Intensive or Extensive areas of this State. No amount has been allotted for the purchase of Amber charkas.

Oorakuzhi Waterfalls.

* 2870 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIANDI (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have investigated the hydro-electric possibilities of the Oorakuzhi Waterfalls in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what the result is?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) & (*b*) Under the Five-Year Programme of Hydro-Metric Surveys, arrangements are being made by the Electricity department to collect hydrological data in respect of the Kuttiyadi basin in Malabar district in which the Oorakuzhi Waterfalls is situated. The investigation of the basin will be taken up in due course in the order of priority based on the results of the hydro-metric surveys.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Sir, may I know the order of priority so far as this scheme is concerned?